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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA:

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. MINISTER: BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT INITIATIVE AND SUCCESS IN ARRANGING THE RECENT MEETINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, I AM WRITING YOU ABOUT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WHICH I WILL HOST APRIL 17-18. THIS WILL BE MY FIRST EXPERIENCE OF THIS SORT AND I WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE OTHER MEETINGS. I WOULD THEREFORE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON MY PRELIMINARY PLANS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, I BELIEVE THE SPECIAL NATURE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING IS BEST UNDERSCORED BY HOLDING IT IN OUR CAPITAL CITY. HENCE I PROPOSE THAT THE MINISTERS COME TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING, APRIL 16, OR ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, WHICHEVER MAY BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR THEM. WE
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COULD HAVE AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON HERE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF

STATE ON WEDNESDAY AND GO FROM THAT TO OUR FIRST WORKING SESSION. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, WE COULD MEET TWICE, BOTH

MORNING AND AFTERNOON. FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE AFTER-NOON SESSION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 18, I AM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO FLY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO ATLANTA SO THAT THEY COULD SETTLE IN BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 19.

4. IN MEXICO CITY WE DECIDED THAT IN OUR NEXT MEETING WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BASED ON THE AGENDA TOPICS AND POINTS DISCUSSED THERE. FOR OUR WASHINGTON DELIBERATIONS I THINK IT MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO SELECT SEVERAL ISSUES COVERED BY THOSE TOPICS FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT THESE MIGHT BE.

5. I HAVE TOLD JACK KUBISCH TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE TO CONVEY THE FOREGOING VIEWS. SINCE TIME IS SHORT, I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE THE BEST MEANS FOR KEEPING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ABREAST OF THE SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, I WOULD BE ESPECIALLY GLAD TO HAVE YOUR OWN VIEWS CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO ME BY LETTER OR WHATEVER MANNER YOU DEEM MOST APPROPRIATE.

6. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND THE PLEASURE OF HAVING YOU IN WASHINGTON ONCE AGAIN.

7. WITH WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT. KISSINGER

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